

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A container, comprising:
a container body defining a cavity; and
a tearable flap connected to the container body, the flap comprising ~~[[one]]~~ a first side having areas of reduced thickness defined in a row or line extending approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap, and ~~[[the]]~~ a second side having a continuous film material ~~forming the second side of the flap, wherein the flap is a plastic film that does not include areas made of fibers.~~
2. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 1, ~~comprising a~~ wherein the tearable flap formed from ~~[[a]]~~ at least first and a second ~~[[film]]~~ plastic films, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film ~~that form the non-penetrating perforations in the flap when bonded to~~ and wherein the second film ~~[[that]]~~ does not have perforations.
- 3-5. (Canceled)
6. (Original) The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from at least two films, wherein each film is formed from a plurality of layers.
7. (Original) The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from at least two films, wherein each film is a three layer co-extruded polyethylene film.
8. (Original) The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap formed from a first and a second film, wherein the first film is translucent and the second film is opaque.

9. (Original) The container of Claim 1, further comprising at least two rows or lines of areas of reduced thickness and a pair of nicks at either end of the flap, wherein the nick ends are within the boundaries of the rows or lines of areas of reduced thickness.

10. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 1, comprising means for tearing the flap, said means including two or more rows or lines of reduced thickness on the first side along ~~which non-penetrating perforations or score lines are~~ aligned from length's end to length's end of the flap, wherein the tearable flap does not have any strings, tear strips or tapes to assist with tearing the flap.

11. (Original) The container of Claim 1, wherein the flap is made from polyethylene.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 1, wherein the container is an envelope ~~or a box~~.

15-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A tearable closure for opening a sealed container, comprising:

at least first and second films bonded together, wherein the first and second films are polymer films, the first film including rows of non-penetrating perforations or score lines that extend through the thickness of the first film in and across the tearable closure on a first side; and the second film being a continuous film material on a second side of the tearable closure, and wherein the closure does not include areas made of fibers.

29. (Original) The tearable closure of Claim 28, wherein the tearable closure is a flap, lid or tape.

30. (Currently amended) The tearable closure of Claim 28, wherein ~~the tearable closure comprises a first and a second film, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film, and the second film does not include perforations or score lines so that the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the closure.~~

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A container with a tearable closure, comprising:
a container body defining a cavity; and
a tearable closure connected to the container body comprising rows of non-penetrating perforations or score lines in and across the tearable closure on a first side, and continuous film on a second side of the tearable closure a polymer film having first and second sides and a thickness extending therethrough, wherein the first side has score lines that extend through a portion of the thickness of the film and the second side does not include score lines, and wherein the closure does not include areas made of fibers.

33. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 32, wherein the container is an envelope, ~~box or bag.~~

34. (Original) The container of Claim 32, wherein the tearable closure is a flap, lid, or tape.

35. (Original) The container of Claim 32, wherein the container is an envelope and the tearable closure is a flap.

36. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 32, wherein the tearable closure comprises a first and a second film, wherein the first film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first film, and the second film does not include perforations so that the perforations in the first film are the non-penetrating perforations in the closure.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently amended) A container, comprising:

a container body defining a cavity; and

a tearable flap connected to the container body, wherein the flap comprises non-penetrating perforations approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap wherein the flap comprises a first translucent film and a second opaque film, wherein the first translucent film has perforations that extend completely through the thickness of the first translucent film and the second opaque film does not have perforations so that the perforations in the first translucent film are the non-penetrating perforations in the flap, the [[flap]] first film comprising two or more rows along which the non-penetrating of perforations are approximately aligned with extending from length's end to length's end of the flap, wherein the flap is a plastic film that does not include areas made of fibers.

39. (Currently amended) [[A]] The container of Claim 38, comprising at least two rows of non-penetrating perforations in the container, wherein the two or more rows of perforations are substantially parallel to each other.

40. (Original) The container of Claim 39, wherein the rows are along an edge of the container.

41. (Currently amended) The container of Claim 1, comprising a tearable flap with a plurality of score lines on the first side from length's end to length's end of the flap.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Previously presented) The container of Claim 1, further comprising an adhesive strip approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap.

44. (Previously presented) The container of Claim 1, further comprising an adhesive strip approximately from length's end to length's end of the flap and a cover strip on the adhesive strip.

45. (Withdrawn) The container of Claim 1, wherein the container is a bag or a box.

46. (New) The container of Claim 32, wherein the container is a bag or a box.

47. (New) A tearable closure for opening a sealed container, comprising:
a flap comprising a polymer film having first and second sides and a thickness, the first side having score lines that extend through a portion of the thickness and the second side not having score lines, wherein the flap is a continuous film of homogeneous composition.

48. (New) A tearable closure for opening a sealed container, consisting of:
first and second polymer films bonded together, wherein the first and second films are polymer films, the first film including rows of perforations or score lines that extend through the

thickness of the first film across the tearable closure and the second film being a continuous film material.

LAW OFFICES OF
CHRISTENSEN O'CONNOR JOHNSON KINDNESS^{PLLC}
1420 Fifth Avenue
Suite 2800
Seattle, Washington 98101
206 682 8100